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To improve foreign language instruction.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT (for himself and Mr. TONKO) introduced the following bill; which  
was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

To improve foreign language instruction.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Excellence and Innova-  
5 tion in Language Learning Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) According to a 2007 report by the National  
9 Research Council, a pervasive lack of knowledge  
10 about foreign cultures and foreign languages in this  
11 country threatens the security of the United States,

1 as well as its ability to compete in the global mar-  
2 ketplace and produce an informed citizenry.

3 (2) According to a 2007 report by the National  
4 Research Council, early language learning in elemen-  
5 tary school and secondary school is key to estab-  
6 lishing a pipeline of students who can eventually  
7 reach a high enough level of proficiency in foreign  
8 languages and cultures to meet national needs.

9 (3) According to a 2006 report by the Com-  
10 mittee for Economic Development, current efforts to  
11 develop language skills and knowledge of world re-  
12 gions at an early age are clearly inadequate to pre-  
13 pare high school graduates with the skills necessary  
14 for productivity and citizenship in an integrated  
15 global economy.

16 (4) The American Council on the Teaching of  
17 Foreign Languages found that only 18.5 percent of  
18 students in kindergarten through grade 12 were en-  
19 rolled in foreign language classes in the 2007–2008  
20 school year. Furthermore, the length of time stu-  
21 dents spent studying languages at school has stag-  
22 nated, so that many students reach only introduc-  
23 tory levels of proficiency.

24 (5) According to a 2009 report by the Center  
25 for Applied Linguistics, language instruction in

1 schools has declined dramatically over the past dec-  
2 ade. The percentage of elementary schools and mid-  
3 dle schools offering foreign language instruction de-  
4 creased significantly from 1997 to 2008, declining  
5 from 31 percent to 25 percent for elementary  
6 schools and 75 percent to 58 percent for middle  
7 schools.

8 (6) Research demonstrates that success lies not  
9 only in the number of years of learning but also in  
10 having carefully sequenced, articulated programs of  
11 language learning across a student's school experi-  
12 ence, requiring bridging the gaps between levels in  
13 foreign language education.

14 (7) According to research collected by the  
15 American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Lan-  
16 guages, children derive cognitive, academic, and so-  
17 cial benefits from the opportunity to learn another  
18 language at an early age.

19 (8) According to the Center for Applied Lin-  
20 guistics, in 2008 significant disparities existed in  
21 language learning opportunities, with students at  
22 suburban schools having more opportunities than  
23 students in rural schools, and students in private  
24 schools having more opportunities than those in pub-  
25 lic schools. For example, 15 percent of public ele-

1       mentary schools teach second languages in their  
2       classrooms as opposed to 51 percent of private ele-  
3       mentary schools.

4       (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are as fol-  
5       lows:

6               (1) Protecting our national security interests by  
7       increasing the number of American students who  
8       have access to quality kindergarten through grade  
9       12 foreign language instruction in order to achieve  
10      a high level of proficiency in such languages.

11              (2) Preparing American students to graduate  
12      high school able to communicate in a second lan-  
13      guage and operate within another cultural frame-  
14      work in order to foster the competitiveness of the  
15      United States in the global economy.

16              (3) Closing achievement gaps domestically and  
17      internationally by providing American students equal  
18      access to quality kindergarten through grade 12 for-  
19      eign language instruction.

20              (4) Providing every student access to quality  
21      language instruction as part of articulated kinder-  
22      garten through grade 12 language sequences in  
23      order to give every student the opportunity to be-  
24      come proficient in other languages in addition to  
25      English by high school graduation.

1           (5) Strengthening innovative preparation and  
2           recruitment initiatives for future foreign language  
3           teachers and enhance professional development op-  
4           portunities for current teachers.

5           (6) Exposing elementary schoolchildren to for-  
6           eign languages early in their educational career.

7           (7) Widely disseminating information on pro-  
8           grams that demonstrate success.

9   **SEC. 3. NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**

10          (a) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts made available  
11          to carry out this section, the Secretary of Education shall  
12          carry out the following national activities:

13               (1) Coordinating with the Secretary of State,  
14               Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Commerce, and  
15               the heads of other relevant Federal agencies to share  
16               best practices in teaching and learning foreign lan-  
17               guages.

18               (2) Providing incentives for States to adopt and  
19               implement nationally recognized standards that are  
20               developed and widely accepted by the language edu-  
21               cation professionals community for foreign language  
22               instruction in elementary and secondary education  
23               and to disseminate information on effective language  
24               assessments aligned to those standards.

1           (3) Supporting and disseminating research in  
2           the areas of best practices in teaching and learning  
3           foreign languages at elementary and secondary edu-  
4           cation levels, including best practices with respect to  
5           the instructional time and intensity of programs that  
6           achieve high levels of student proficiency.

7           (4) Supporting the development and expansion  
8           of existing nationally recognized proficiency-based  
9           valid and reliable assessments for foreign languages  
10          taught in kindergarten through grade 12.

11          (5) Providing scholarships for study-abroad op-  
12          portunities for students in grades 6 through 12 and  
13          for the teachers and prospective teachers of such  
14          students.

15          (6) Providing scholarships for study-abroad op-  
16          portunities linked to language learning for foreign  
17          language teachers who teach at the elementary or  
18          secondary education levels.

19          (7) Requiring the National Center for Edu-  
20          cation Statistics to annually collect, analyze, and  
21          internationally benchmark data on—

22                 (A) the number of students reaching pro-  
23                 ficiency benchmarks at the elementary and sec-  
24                 ondary education level;

1 (B) the number of public elementary and  
2 secondary schools, private elementary and sec-  
3 ondary schools, and private heritage schools  
4 that offer foreign language instruction;

5 (C) the languages taught and the levels of  
6 instruction offered at public elementary and  
7 secondary schools, private elementary and sec-  
8 ondary schools, and private heritage schools;

9 (D) the number of teachers providing for-  
10 eign language instruction at public elementary  
11 and secondary schools, private elementary and  
12 secondary schools, and private heritage schools,  
13 including the languages and the levels of in-  
14 struction taught at such schools; and

15 (E) the number of public elementary and  
16 secondary schools that provide academic credits  
17 for proficiency in language abilities acquired  
18 outside of the public school system.

19 (8) Working with State educational agencies to  
20 develop a standardized data collection method de-  
21 scribed in section 4 to collect the data described in  
22 paragraph (7).

23 (9) Disseminating nationally, including through  
24 a Web-based clearinghouse, promising foreign lan-  
25 guage learning and teaching practices and successful

1 program models for students in kindergarten  
2 through grade 12, as developed under this section  
3 and through other Department of Education pro-  
4 grams; and

5 (10) Supporting partnerships of local and State  
6 educational agencies with institutions of higher edu-  
7 cation and other nonprofit educational organizations  
8 to identify innovative, state-of-the-art technologies  
9 and platforms that have been proven to be successful  
10 for effective language instruction.

11 (b) COLLABORATION.—The activities described in  
12 subsection (a) may be carried out by the Secretary directly  
13 or through grants to, or contracts with, institutions of  
14 higher education or public and private nonprofit agencies  
15 and organizations.

16 (c) REPORTING.—Not later than 5 years after the  
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, after con-  
18 sultation with State educational agencies, shall submit a  
19 report to the Committee on Education and Labor of the  
20 House of Representatives and the Committee on Health,  
21 Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate on—

22 (1) the use of funds authorized under this Act;  
23 and

24 (2) how the programs and activities carried out  
25 with such funds impacted—



- 1 (A) student language proficiency;
- 2 (B) the availability of foreign language
- 3 education programs in kindergarten through
- 4 grade 12;
- 5 (C) the number of early foreign language
- 6 programs; and
- 7 (D) the number of elementary school and
- 8 secondary school foreign language teachers.

9 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
10 are authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000 to carry  
11 out this section for fiscal year 2011 and such sums as  
12 may be necessary for each succeeding fiscal year.

13 **SEC. 4. STATE ACTIVITIES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts made available  
15 to carry out this section, the Secretary shall award grants,  
16 on a competitive basis, to States to improve elementary  
17 school and secondary school foreign language learning pro-  
18 grams in the State.

19 (b) APPLICATION.—In order to receive a grant under  
20 this section, a State educational agency shall submit an  
21 application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner,  
22 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-  
23 quire.

1 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A State educational agency re-  
2 ceiving a grant under this section shall use such grant  
3 funds to carry out the following:

4 (1) DEVELOPING POLICY.—Develop foreign lan-  
5 guage and international education policy and pro-  
6 grams in the State to—

7 (A) provide for articulated pathways to-  
8 ward language proficiency beginning in kinder-  
9 garten through high school graduation; and

10 (B) build capacity for delivering foreign  
11 language and international education to stu-  
12 dents statewide;

13 (2) STATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND INTER-  
14 NATIONAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

15 (A) APPOINTMENT.—Appoint a State for-  
16 eign language and international education advi-  
17 sory council (in this section referred to as the  
18 “Council”) that includes representatives from—

19 (i) the State’s business community;

20 (ii) State economic development and  
21 trade agencies;

22 (iii) small business bureaus;

23 (iv) military facilities;

24 (v) individuals with international and  
25 area studies expertise; and

1 (vi) teachers and individuals with pro-  
2 fessional expertise in language acquisition  
3 from each of the following educational lev-  
4 els:

5 (I) Kindergarten through grade

6 8.

7 (II) Grade 8 through grade 12.

8 (III) Higher education.

9 (B) DUTIES.—The Council shall be coordi-  
10 nated by the Chief State School Officer or his  
11 or her designee and—

12 (i) shall—

13 (I) advise the State educational  
14 agency on the development of a State  
15 needs assessment of—

16 (aa) the demand for people  
17 with foreign language skills in  
18 various professions and employ-  
19 ment sectors throughout the  
20 State;

21 (bb) the number and per-  
22 centage of elementary and sec-  
23 ondary schools in the State that  
24 offer language programs;

1 (cc) the foreign languages  
2 taught in the State's elementary  
3 and secondary schools;

4 (dd) the number of foreign  
5 language teachers in the State's  
6 elementary and secondary  
7 schools; and

8 (ee) the number of com-  
9 prehensive statewide sequences of  
10 foreign languages from kinder-  
11 garten through high school grad-  
12 uation;

13 (II) recommend approaches to  
14 improve the teaching of foreign lan-  
15 guages for students statewide based  
16 on research-based best practices;

17 (III) recommend ways to expand  
18 foreign language and international  
19 education opportunities for students  
20 statewide through innovative ap-  
21 proaches, such as immersion, online,  
22 and other hybrid language and inter-  
23 national educational learning experi-  
24 ences that use pedagogically sound  
25 approaches;

1 (IV) work with professional  
2 standards boards and State licensing  
3 bodies, review teacher certification re-  
4 quirements and, as needed, rec-  
5 ommend changes to State certification  
6 requirements to ensure high-quality  
7 foreign language teachers;

8 (V) recommend strategies to ad-  
9 dress any shortages of elementary and  
10 secondary education teachers in com-  
11 mon and less commonly taught lan-  
12 guages within the State;

13 (VI) develop pathways for stu-  
14 dents to achieve the advanced level of  
15 proficiency on the American Council  
16 on the Teaching of Foreign Lan-  
17 guages proficiency scale or by other  
18 nationally recognized measures of ad-  
19 vanced standards of proficiency; and

20 (VII) develop and assist in imple-  
21 mentation of a statewide outreach and  
22 communications campaign to the pub-  
23 lic on the importance of foreign lan-  
24 guage and international education as

1 one of the prerequisites to success in  
2 the 21st Century; and

3 (ii) may recommend alternative routes  
4 to certification that employ equally rig-  
5 orous standards for highly skilled teachers  
6 of less commonly taught languages.

7 (3) STATE LANGUAGE AND INTERNATIONAL  
8 EDUCATION COORDINATOR.—Designate a State lan-  
9 guage and international education coordinator, or,  
10 as appropriate, coordinators to oversee and coordi-  
11 nate foreign language programs within the State to  
12 oversee the planning, development, and implementa-  
13 tion of the State foreign language policies described  
14 in paragraph (1).

15 (4) FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY STAND-  
16 ARDS.—Adopt nationally recognized foreign lan-  
17 guage learning proficiency standards as well as stu-  
18 dent foreign language assessments aligned to the  
19 proficiency standards.

20 (5) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRO-  
21 GRAMS.—Carry out teacher in-service and pre-serv-  
22 ice professional development programs, including  
23 summer institutes, that address the shortage of for-  
24 eign language teachers in the State. Such activities  
25 may be in partnership with local educational agen-

1       cies, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit  
 2       organizations, and may be consistent with model  
 3       program established under section 5.

4           (6) SCHOLARSHIPS AND INCENTIVES.—Provide  
 5       scholarships and incentives to recruit new teachers  
 6       and encourage practicing teachers to take advantage  
 7       of professional development opportunities.

8           (7) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Provide tech-  
 9       nical assistance to local programs for foreign lan-  
 10      guage education carried out in elementary schools or  
 11      secondary schools in the State.

12          (8) CARRY OUT RECOMMENDATIONS.—Carry  
 13      out recommendations of the State foreign language  
 14      and international education advisory council, as ap-  
 15      propriate.

16      (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
 17      are authorized to be appropriated for \$100,000 to carry  
 18      out this section for fiscal year 2011 and such sums as  
 19      may be necessary for each succeeding fiscal year.

20   **SEC. 5. FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**  
 21       **PROGRAMS.**

22      (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

23          (1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts made  
 24      available to carry out this section, the Secretary  
 25      shall make incentive grants to eligible partnerships

1 to develop and maintain, or to improve and expand,  
2 model programs that support articulated foreign lan-  
3 guage learning in elementary schools and secondary  
4 schools.

5 (2) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.—For the  
6 first 2 fiscal years an eligible partnership receives  
7 funds under paragraph (1) for a model program on  
8 a less-commonly-taught foreign language, the Sec-  
9 retary may allow that partnership, based on dem-  
10 onstrated need, to use funds for planning and devel-  
11 opment activities based on nationally recognized  
12 standards in foreign language education, including—

13 (A) development of an articulated instruc-  
14 tional curriculum for the less-commonly-taught  
15 foreign language to which the model program  
16 relates;

17 (B) in-service and pre-service development  
18 of teachers, and development of curriculum and  
19 language assessments in the less commonly  
20 taught foreign language to which the model  
21 program relates; and

22 (C) development of contextual programs  
23 and curriculum materials related to the less  
24 commonly taught foreign language to which the



1           model program relates, as described in sub-  
2           section (d).

3       (b) APPLICATIONS.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible partnership de-  
5           siring a grant under this section shall submit an ap-  
6           plication to the Secretary such time, in such man-  
7           ner, and containing such information as the Sec-  
8           retary may require, including the information de-  
9           scribed in paragraph (2).

10          (2) CONTENTS.—Each application shall—

11                (A) identify each member of the partner-  
12                ship, provide contact information and letters of  
13                commitment for each such member, and de-  
14                scribe the responsibilities of each such member,  
15                including—

16                      (i) identifying the member that will  
17                      receive and manage the grant;

18                      (ii) specifying how each member will  
19                      be involved in the planning, development,  
20                      and implementation of the activities pro-  
21                      posed under the grant;

22                      (iii) describing the resources to be  
23                      provided by each member; and

24                      (iv) describing how each member will  
25                      contribute to ensuring the continuity of

1 student progress in foreign language pro-  
2 ficiency from kindergarten through grade  
3 12;

4 (B) describe how an articulated curriculum  
5 for students to achieve an advanced level of pro-  
6 ficiency by grade 12 will be developed and im-  
7 plemented;

8 (C) identify target proficiency levels for  
9 students at critical benchmarks, and describe  
10 how progress toward those proficiency levels will  
11 be assessed at the benchmarks;

12 (D) describe how the partnership will sup-  
13 port and continue the program after the grant  
14 has expired, including how the partnership will  
15 seek support from other sources, such as State  
16 and local governments, foundations, and the  
17 private sector;

18 (E) describe which assessments will be  
19 used or, if assessments are not available, how  
20 assessments will be developed; and

21 (F) describe how the proposed program  
22 will meet nationally recognized standards in for-  
23 eign language education.

24 (c) CONTEXTUAL DIMENSION.—A model program  
25 may not receive an incentive grant under this section un-

1 less it includes a dimension, carried out in conjunction  
2 with foreign language instruction, under which each for-  
3 eign language learner also participates in programs to ex-  
4 pand the understanding and knowledge of historic, geo-  
5 graphic, cultural, economic, and other contextual factors  
6 of countries with populations who speak the foreign lan-  
7 guage to which the model program relates.

8 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—

9 (1) REQUIRED USES.—An eligible partnership  
10 shall use an incentive grant under this section—

11 (A) to design programs and teaching strat-  
12 egies informed by the best practices recognized  
13 by the foreign language education field and by  
14 the best available research;

15 (B) to develop curriculum materials based  
16 on an articulated framework or approach de-  
17 signed to bring students to an advanced level of  
18 foreign language proficiency by grade 12;

19 (C) to recruit students and teachers for  
20 model programs that support articulated for-  
21 eign language learning in elementary schools  
22 and secondary schools; and

23 (D) to carry out teacher in-service and pre-  
24 service professional development programs, in-

1 including summer institutes, that support the  
2 model programs; and

3 (2) AUTHORIZED USES.—An eligible partner-  
4 ship may use an incentive grant under this section—

5 (A) to develop nationally recognized assess-  
6 ments for kindergarten through grade 12 for  
7 the foreign language to which the model pro-  
8 gram relates, if such assessments do not exist  
9 for that language;

10 (B) to enhance nationally recognized as-  
11 sessments for kindergarten through grade 12  
12 for the foreign language to which the model  
13 program relates, if such assessments already  
14 exist for that language;

15 (C) to provide scholarships and incentives  
16 to recruit new teachers and encourage prac-  
17 ticing teachers to take advantage of the profes-  
18 sional development opportunities;

19 (D) to provide opportunities for maximum  
20 foreign language exposure for students domesti-  
21 cally, such as the creation of immersion envi-  
22 ronments in the classroom and school, on week-  
23 end or summer experiences, and special tutor-  
24 ing and academic support;

1           (E) to provide for the possibility for mul-  
2           tiple entry points for studying the foreign lan-  
3           guage;

4           (F) in an amount equal to not more than  
5           20 percent of such grant received in a fiscal  
6           year, to provide scholarships for study-abroad  
7           opportunities related to the foreign language to  
8           which the model program relates for students in  
9           grades 9 through 12 and teachers and prospec-  
10          tive teachers of such students;

11          (G) to create partnerships with elementary  
12          and secondary schools in other countries to fa-  
13          cilitate language and cultural learning and ex-  
14          change;

15          (H) to carry out activities to integrate for-  
16          eign languages into the school curriculum and  
17          generate whole-school collaboration, including  
18          activities and support for teachers of other sub-  
19          jects and administrators;

20          (I) to carry out activities to encourage  
21          community involvement;

22          (J) to obtain technical assistance in the de-  
23          velopment and implementation of the model  
24          program funded under this section;

1           (K) to incorporate effective and innovative  
2           uses of technology to enhance student learning  
3           and teaching;

4           (L) to recruit or appoint a language super-  
5           visor to oversee and coordinate the progress of  
6           the articulated foreign language program across  
7           grade levels in the local educational agency  
8           funded with the incentive grant;

9           (M) to work with professional standards  
10          boards and State licensing bodies, review teach-  
11          er certification requirements and, as needed,  
12          recommend changes to State certification re-  
13          quirements to ensure high-quality foreign lan-  
14          guage teachers; and

15          (N) recommend alternative routes to cer-  
16          tification that employ equally rigorous stand-  
17          ards for highly skilled teachers of less com-  
18          monly taught languages.

19       (e) RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—

20           (1) IN GENERAL.—A model program may not  
21          receive an incentive grant under this section unless  
22          it includes a research and evaluation component,  
23          under which—

1 (A) information is collected and analyzed  
2 regarding the effectiveness of activities carried  
3 out under the program, including—

4 (i) program design;

5 (ii) student and teacher recruitment  
6 strategies;

7 (iii) curricular approaches;

8 (iv) teacher development and pro-  
9 ficiency levels; and

10 (v) foreign language assessment in-  
11 struments;

12 (B) information is collected and analyzed  
13 regarding the impact of each activity in sub-  
14 paragraph (A) on the foreign language pro-  
15 ficiency of the students;

16 (C) information is collected and analyzed  
17 regarding program participation, including data  
18 on student enrollments and numbers of foreign  
19 language teachers; and

20 (D) the information collected, and the  
21 analyses of that information, are made widely  
22 available to the public.

23 (2) STANDARDIZATION.—The Secretary shall  
24 provide guidelines to standardize the categories of  
25 information collected and analyzed under paragraph

1 (1) and the manner in which that information is col-  
2 lected, analyzed, and made available to the public.

3 (f) DURATION OF PAYMENTS.—

4 (1) INITIAL INCENTIVE GRANT.—An initial in-  
5 centive grant under this section shall be awarded to  
6 an eligible partnership awarded for a period of 4  
7 years.

8 (2) RENEWAL INCENTIVE GRANTS.—An eligible  
9 partnership that received an initial incentive grant  
10 under this section may be eligible for 2 additional 5-  
11 year awards under this section, but only if the part-  
12 nership demonstrates, based on nationally recognized  
13 standardized foreign language assessments, that the  
14 model program carried out with funds received  
15 under this section is effective.

16 (g) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible partnership that  
18 receives a grant under this section shall provide, to-  
19 ward the cost of carrying out the activities sup-  
20 ported by the grant, from non-Federal sources an  
21 amount equal to not less than the applicable per-  
22 centage of the amount of the grant.

23 (2) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For purposes  
24 of paragraph (1), the term “applicable percentage”  
25 means—



1 (A) for the first fiscal year of the first  
2 grant received under this section, 20 percent;

3 (B) for the second fiscal year of the first  
4 grant received under this section, 30 percent;

5 (C) for the third fiscal year of the first  
6 grant received under this section, 40 percent;

7 and

8 (D) for the fourth fiscal year of the first  
9 grant received under this section and for each  
10 fiscal year of each succeeding grant received  
11 under this section, 50 percent.

12 (3) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal  
13 share required under paragraph (1) may be provided  
14 in cash or in kind.

15 (4) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive, in  
16 whole or in part, the matching requirement in para-  
17 graph (1) for any fiscal year if—

18 (A) the eligible partnership demonstrates  
19 hardship and the waiver will best serve the pur-  
20 poses of this section; or

21 (B) the foreign language to which the  
22 model program relates is a less commonly  
23 taught foreign language as determined by the  
24 Secretary.

1 (h) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Grant funds  
2 provided under this section shall be used to supplement,  
3 not supplant, other Federal and non-Federal funds avail-  
4 able to carry out the activities described in this section.

5 (i) DATA COLLECTION, ANALYSIS, DISSEMINATION,  
6 AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may reserve  
8 not more than 3 percent of the total amount appro-  
9 priated for this section for any fiscal year to—

10 (A) annually collect and analyze data on  
11 the programs under this section; and

12 (B) disseminate nationally, including  
13 through a Web-based clearinghouse—

14 (i) aggregated data collected under  
15 subparagraph (A);

16 (ii) promising kindergarten through  
17 grade 12 foreign language learning and  
18 teaching practices and successful program  
19 models developed under this section;

20 (iii) provide grant application tech-  
21 nical assistance to prospective grantees  
22 through the website established under this  
23 subsection, including foreign language edu-  
24 cation resource information and contacts  
25 available at State and local educational

1 agencies, institutions of higher education,  
2 and nonprofit educational organizations.

3 (2) COLLABORATION.—The activities described  
4 in paragraph (1) may be carried out by the Sec-  
5 retary directly or through grants and contracts to  
6 institutions of higher education and public and pri-  
7 vate nonprofit agencies and organizations.

8 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
9 authorized to be appropriated \$200,000,000 to carry out  
10 this section for fiscal year 2011 and such sums as may  
11 be necessary for each succeeding fiscal year.

12 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) EARLY FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM.—  
15 The term early foreign language program means a  
16 foreign language program offered as part of a pre-  
17 kindergarten program.

18 (2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible  
20 partnership” means a partnership that—

21 (i) shall include—

22 (I) one or more local educational  
23 agencies or State educational agen-  
24 cies, or both; and

1 (II) subject to subparagraph (B),  
2 1 or more institutions of higher edu-  
3 cation, where the institution has and  
4 may include in the partnership—

5 (aa) a school, department,  
6 or program within the institution  
7 or institutions of higher edu-  
8 cation that provides a teacher  
9 preparation program;

10 (bb) a school, department,  
11 program, or center within the in-  
12 stitution or institutions of higher  
13 education that provides a pro-  
14 gram of study or research in for-  
15 eign languages; and

16 (cc) a school, department,  
17 program, or center within the in-  
18 stitution or institutions of higher  
19 education that provides programs  
20 of study about the historic, geo-  
21 graphic, cultural, economic, and  
22 other contextual factors of the  
23 world area or country with popu-  
24 lations who speak the foreign lan-

1                   guage to which the model pro-  
2                   gram relates; and

3                   (ii) may also include 1 or more busi-  
4                   nesses, or nonprofit organizations with ex-  
5                   pertise in kindergarten through grade 12  
6                   language learning.

7                   (B) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive  
8                   the requirement in subparagraph (A)(i)(II), if  
9                   the prospective grantee demonstrates the inabil-  
10                  ity to secure an institution of higher education  
11                  as a partner for the purposes of receiving a  
12                  grant under section 5, including as a remote,  
13                  digitally connected partner, after making a good  
14                  faith effort to secure such institution.

15                  (3) ADVANCED LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY.—The  
16                  term “advanced level of proficiency” means the ad-  
17                  vanced level as measured by the American Council  
18                  on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, or level 2 as  
19                  measured by the Federal Interagency Language  
20                  Roundtable or by other nationally recognized meas-  
21                  ures of advanced standards of proficiency.

22                  (4) ARTICULATED.—The term “articulated”  
23                  means that each grade level of the foreign language  
24                  program is designed to sequentially expand on the  
25                  student achievement of the previous level with a goal

1       toward achieving an established level of language  
2       proficiency.

3           (5) HERITAGE SCHOOL.—The term “heritage  
4       school” means a school that—

5           (A) offers foreign language instruction or  
6       tutoring, and cultural education related to a  
7       foreign country; and

8           (B) serves students who are enrolled, on a  
9       full-time basis, in a public or private elementary  
10      school or secondary school that is not a heritage  
11      school.

12          (6) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The  
13      term “institution of higher education” has the  
14      meaning given in section 101 of the Higher Edu-  
15      cation Act of 1965.

16          (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
17      the Secretary of Education.

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